



Alabama Athletic Commission

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All promoters must apply for an event permit prior to holding any grappling match, contest, or exhibition in the state of Alabama. Effective beginning May of 2021, Ala. Code § 41-9-1024(a)(7) states as follows: "The [AAC] shall be the sole regulator and shall have the sole authority to regulate any form of unarmed combat in the state as the commission deems necessary." Grappling falls under the definition of unarmed combat. See Ala. Code 41-9-1021(21). Therefore, any licensed promoter that advertises or stages a grappling event without first obtaining a permit from the AAC will be subject to disciplinary action per Ala. Code § 41-9-1024(h)(1). Promoters must supply a proposed set of rules that would govern the grappling event when they apply for a permit.

"Definition of Unarmed Combat:

(21) Any form of competition between human beings in which both of the following occurs:

(1) One or more blows are struck which may reasonably be expected to inflict injury on a human being.

(2) There is some compensation or commercial benefit arising from such competition, whether in the form of cash or non-cash payment to the competitors or the person arranging the competition; the sale of the right to film, broadcast, transmit, or view the competition; or the use of competition to attract persons to a particular location for some commercial advantage or to promote a commercial product or commercial enterprise."

An Event Permit is **NOT** required if you are holding an event as an affiliate of:

- a. U.S. Boxing
- b. The Alabama High School Athletic Association
- c. The National Collegiate Athletic Association
- d. Amateur Athletic Union
- e. Golden Gloves

- f. The locate affiliate of any organization listed in this subdivision
- g. The National Junior College Athletic Association
- h. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
- i. The National Collegiate Wrestling Association
- j. Any organization licensed by the Commission
- k. North American Grappling Association (NAGA)
- l. American Grappling Federation (AGF)
- m. International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation (IBJJF)

Contact Keith Warren, Executive Director, for any questions pertaining to these events, 334-420-7231 or keith@alstateboard.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.